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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 271
By Crowe

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend the Lions Clubs of
Tennessee for instituting training workshops.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly recognize those commendable service organizations that, through their extraordinary efforts, have improved the quality of life for the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, The 6,148 members of the Lions Clubs of Tennessee have partnered with the Tennessee Department of Education and the Tennessee Commission on National & Community Service to seek support for service learning and life skills curriculum materials and teacher training; and

WHEREAS, The Lions Clubs International Foundation, chaired by James E. Ervin, immediate past president of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization has authorized \$200,000 for 23 workshops, which will train more than 800 teachers over the next three years in Tennessee, to support youth service learning, violence and drug abuse prevention, character education, and life skills through a curriculum developed by Quest International; and

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WHEREAS, The teacher training workshops will serve as the Department of Education teacher certification for high school Course Code 9395 "Success Skills through Service Learning," thus meeting a funding and training gap in the state education system; and

WHEREAS, Service learning is a young but proven, teaching methodology now used by one-third of all U.S. schools and one-half of U.S. high schools that gives students hands-on practice applying learning, life skills, and character education values, while improving their communities through volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Matching support for the grant will be provided by local Lions Clubs and the Corporation for National Service through the Department of Education and the Tennessee Commission on National and Community Service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we commend the Lions Clubs International Foundation; its chair, Jim Ervin; and the leadership and 6,148 members of the Lions Clubs of Tennessee for their support of youth service learning, character education and life skills curriculum, and thank them for their ongoing commitment to the young people of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.